

# SB44/ SB45

Senator  
Fields

# Out-of-State Board Members

## THE LOD COOK ACT

### THE GOAL

This bill set will allow for the possibility of higher education management board service by individuals who reside outside the state.

### THE CHALLENGE

Current law prohibits the nomination or board service of individuals who live outside Louisiana, thereby preventing the potential service of alumni and non-alumni who are avid supporters of higher education.

### THE OPPORTUNITY

- Each management board currently maintains 15 voting members: two (2) representatives from each Louisiana Congressional District and three (3) at-large members, all of whom are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.
- SB45 will change only one aspect of the appointment process. It will mandate that one (1) of the three (3) at-large members be a Louisiana resident. Therefore, one (1) or two (2) members could reside out of state.
- The Governor retains the right to appoint whomever he wishes. All in-state residents can be appointed or the boards' possible recommendations of 1 or 2 out-of-state members can be accepted.
- No matter the residency of the appointees, all members must still be confirmed by the Senate.
- SB45 will allow the higher education community to tap into the vast pool of alumni and supporters who live across the nation.
- The significant means and connections of these individuals will prove invaluable to Louisiana's colleges and universities.
- SB44 places a constitutional amendment on the December ballot, which will allow Louisiana's citizens to vote on the residency requirement change.



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